

OGC 75-2573  
16 July 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Angus MacLean Thuermer, A/DCI

SUBJECT: Agency Documents Released to Plaintiffs in  
Socialist Workers Party Case

1. Pursuant to court order, this Office has thus far provided two groups of documents to the U.S. Attorney's Office (S.D.N.Y.) for release to the Plaintiffs in the subject case. The first, from Office of Security files, appears to be the cause of news reports which are of some concern.

2. The two documents at Tab A apparently generated the statement that "CIA has been engaged in domestic spying since 1951, contrary to the Rockefeller Commission Report." A review of those documents, however, does not support such a statement, unless writing a memorandum containing information of common knowledge, obtained from the news media and available to the public, constitutes "domestic spying."

3. The documents at Tab B apparently generated the statement that "CIA domestic spying continued two years after the Rockefeller Commission Report said it had ended." These documents, the first of which summarizes the others, do in fact indicate that CIA informants attended meetings of the SWP and YSA held at D.C. area colleges in 1969-70. According to the Office of Security, the documents at Tab B are the only indication that the activity discussed in the Rockefeller Commission Report as "Infiltration of Dissident Groups in the Washington, D.C., Area" (pp. 152-155) continued beyond 1968. In this regard then, the Commission report would appear to be incorrect in its statement (p. 155) that operation of "the program" was from February 1967 to December 1968. The apparent explanation is that the Commission staff did not discover these documents and that the Agency failed to specifically point out that they were found in a file other than the project file.

4. The documents at Tab C pertain to handouts on the YSA which were obtained at Columbia and Harvard universities in 1959 and 1961, respectively. The Office of Security has stated that these materials were NOT obtained because of any targeting of the YSA.



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